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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet 1/5 of the drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. Please replace sheet 1/5 of the drawings, as originally filed, with the attached sheet 1/5.

The attached new sheet 1a/5 of the drawings includes new Fig. 1a. Please add new sheet 1a/5 of the drawings to the above-identified application.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet 1/5 of the drawings
New Sheet 1a/5 of the drawings

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application, including claims 57 to 69, and 71 to 74, in view of the following remarks, is requested. Please cancel claim 56.

Claims 82 to 105 have been withdrawn. Claims 1 to 56, 70, and 75 to 81 have been previously cancelled.

Drawings

The Office Action, at p. 2, contains an objection to the drawings based on "the decreasing and increasing cross-sectional area of the first and second piston chambers and the filling unit". The attached replacement sheet 1/5 and new sheet 1a/5 of the drawings show the changes in the cross-sections of the portions of the first and second reservoirs in the vicinity of the outlets. Accordingly, this objection to the drawings should be withdrawn, and such action is requested.

The changes in the cross-sections of the portions of the first and second reservoirs in the vicinity of the outlets is disclosed in the above-identified application, as originally filed, at p. 14, line 10 to p. 15, line 1.

Specification

The specification, at p. 10, has been amended to describe new Fig. 1a on new sheet 1a/5 of the drawings. The specification, at p. 14, has been amended to refer to new Fig. 1a.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action, at p. 3, contains a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, of claims 56 to 69, and 71 to 74. The Office Action, at p. 3, refers to “the respective outlets”, “the uncoupled state”, and “which pistons” in claim 56. Claim 56 has been cancelled herein. The content of claim 56 has been included in claim 64, as amended herein.

Claim 64, as amended herein, does not contain “which pistons move towards the respective outlets”. Also, claim 64, as amended herein, includes “wherein each of the pistons moves towards a respective one of the outlets” immediately following “remote from the outlet”. Further, claim 64, as amended herein, contains “an” rather than “the” immediately preceding “uncoupled state”. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 64 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn, and such action is requested.

Claims 57 to 63, 65 to 69, and 71 to 74 depend from claim 64. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 56 to 69, and 71 to 74 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn for the same reasons as for claim 64, and such action is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action, at p. 5, indicates that claims 64 to 66 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 64, as amended herein, has been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, the objection of claim 64 should be withdrawn, and such action is requested.

Claims 65 and 66 depend from claim 64. Accordingly, the objections of claims 65 and 66 should be withdrawn for the same reasons as for claim 64, and such action is requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103

The Office Action, at p. 3 to 4, contains a rejection of claims 56, 58, 59, 67 to 69, and 71 to 74 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) based on U.S. Patent No. 5,224,627 (Weag). The Office Action, at p. 4 to 5, contains a rejection of claim 57 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Weag in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,237,797 (Varlet). The Office Action, at p. 5, contains a rejection of claims 60 to 63 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Weag in view of WO 99/25627 (van der Heijden).

Claims 57 to 63, 65 to 69, and 71 to 74 depend from claim 64 and thereby contain all of the limitations thereof. Claim 64 has been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 64 has been rewritten in independent form herein. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 57 to 63, 65 to 69, and 71 to 74 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b), 103(a) should be withdrawn, and such action is requested.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized and requested to charge all fees required for entry of the present Amendment in the above-identified application and consideration thereof to the Deposit Account No. 08-2461. Also, if a fee has been overpaid, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized and requested to credit the fee to the Deposit Account No. 08-2461.

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If the Examiner has any questions regarding the above-identified application, the Applicant's Attorney, Gordon F. Belcher, is requested to be contacted at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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